

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 25, 2002
1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

Members Present: Dr. Michel Sucher (Chairman), Dr. Michael Ward, Dr. Frank Walter, Dr. Daniel Spaite, Dr. Peter Vann, and Dr. John Raife Jr.

Members Absent: Dr. Harvey Meislin, Dr. Barry Kriegsfield, Dr. Wendy Ann Lucid, Dr. Robert Vavrick, and Dr. Phillip Richemont

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Kay Lewis and Dr. Richard Thomas

Guests Present: Dr. Toni Brophy, Janine Anderson, Mark Venuti, Brian Smith, Dr. John Gallagher, Roy Ryals, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Gene Zehring, Sandra Plygood, Rick Southey, Jerry Stein, Stephen Powles, Gary Woods, Mark Stroh, Jim Roeder, and Carey Pleasant

BEMS Staff Present: Judi Crume, Larry Heidenberg, Peggy Lahren, Donna Meyer, Gerald Ollier, Chuck Kramer, Lorenzo Henry, and Susan Nicolas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman Dr. Sucher called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Vann and seconded by Dr. Walter to approve the October 25, 2002 agenda and minutes of June 21, 2002 with no corrections.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Judi Crume, the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Commission:

- A Director's Update was handed out
- The dedication of the new State Hospital was held last week
- The forensic unit had 10 million dollars in renovations that are on delay at this point
- The Department of Health Services is running at a 20% vacancy rate
- The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is cautiously monitoring its budget

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Updates – Dr. Sucher reported that there is one vacancy in the “EMS Physician Specializing in Trauma Surgery” category.

Dr. Sucher introduced the Bureau's new Assistant Attorney General, Carey Pleasant, to the Commission.

Drs. Sucher and Crume sent Dr. Carmona a letter congratulating him on his appointment as the United States Surgeon General.

B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report – The committee met on October 4, 2002 and discussed:

- Bylaws
- Mission Statement
- Diversion ED overcrowding
- Forming a task force to look at diversion

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee – The meeting scheduled for September 26, 2002 was cancelled. It was rescheduled to October 24, 2002. The committee met yesterday, a quorum was present, and they discussed:

- Approval of the bylaws
- Membership
- Amiodarone drug profile as an optional drug
- Statewide guidelines for treatment protocols

A discussion ensued on having the same standard of care for each patient and what format the guidelines should have. Are these guidelines in sync with rules?

A motion was made by Dr. Ward, seconded by Dr. Vann to proceed with review and recommendation to put together a work group to look at statewide guidelines for treatment protocols. **Motion carried.**

VI. RULES STATUS REPORT

A. Chapter 25 Revision – The rules revision streamlining regulatory process is ongoing. A core group of 8 people have been brought together to talk about medical direction and general concepts. On October 24, 2002 we gathered an extended group of stakeholders together that are interested in base hospitals. This afternoon we will have the second meeting of stakeholders from training programs coming together. We invited certain people in order to get the perspective of the entire EMS community, but this is an open meeting. Upcoming Rules meetings will be posted on the website.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amiodarone – At the June 21, 2002 meeting Amiodarone was added to the drug box as an optional drug. MDC requested reconsideration from the Bureau. Dr. Sucher approved this drug as an optional drug in the drug box. Amiodarone still needs to be approved by MDC. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of Amiodarone. Recent studies indicate it is a better drug than Lidocaine. The cost of Amiodarone is really the issue.

A motion was by Dr. Raife, seconded by Dr. Ward for the Medical Direction Commission to endorse Amiodarone as an optional drug in the drug box.

Motion carried.

The Commission recommended tracking which patients receive Amiodarone.

- B. Midazolam** – Distributed updated drug profile as an informational item.
- C. Amyl Nitrite** – Chief Gary Woods addressed the Commission regarding the pilot project on Amyl Nitrite. Two years ago Chief Woods requested that a special skills course to expand scope of Practice allowing EMT-Bs employed by Honeywell International to administer Amyl Nitrite to victims of Hydrogen Cyanide exposure before ALS arrival. One of the criteria was that Chief Woods come back every year to report outcomes. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies warranting the use of Amyl Nitrite.
- D. Calcium Nitrate** – Chief Gary Woods addressed the Commission regarding the pilot project on Calcium Nitrate. Two years ago Chief Woods requested that a special skills course to expand scope allowing EMT-Bs employed by Honeywell International to administer Calcium Gluconate Gel to victims of Hydrofluoric Acid exposure before ALS arrival. One of the criteria was that Chief Woods come back every year to report outcomes.

The Honeywell Fire Department has responded to only one emergency requiring the use of Calcium Gluconate. A 28 year-old male was not sure if he had been exposed. Since Honeywell did not apply the Calcium Gluconate, a formal report was not submitted to the Department of Health Services. The patient was not exposed and did return to work later that day.

The duration of these pilot projects is to be five years with annual reports.

The Commission requested bringing the results of the RSI Pilot Project back in January for the next Medical Direction Commission meeting.

Item:	RSI Pilot Project
Follow Up:	Medical Direction Commission
	Results from the last year /Possible taking out of Pilot Project
	Status
When:	January 24, 2003

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2003 Meeting Schedule** - A motion was made by Dr. Walter, seconded by Dr. Ward to approve the 2003 meeting schedule.
Motion carried.

- B. Bylaws** – PMD approved their bylaws at the last meeting on October 24, 2002.

Discussion ensued regarding the wording of Article I Purpose in the MDC Bylaws. The statute discusses training not education.

It was recommended to add the word “training” to be consistent with the statute and bring back to the next Medical Direction Commission for approval.

The Commission recommended having a copy of the Protocols, Medications, and Devices Bylaws and the Medical Direction Commission Bylaws with the additions/deletions.

A motion was made by Dr. Walter, seconded by Dr. Ward to add the word “training” to Article 1, Purpose 1. The Medical Direction Commission bylaws will reflect consistency with the statute. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dr. Walter, seconded by Dr. Ward to table this item to the next meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item: PMD and MDC Bylaws with additions/deletions
Add the word “training” to Article 1, Purpose 1
Follow Up: Medical Direction Commission
When: Next meeting – January 24, 2003

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Sucher introduced Jerry Ollier, the new EMS Coordinator for the Central Region to the Commission.

X. TRAINING OR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The EMS Odyssey will be held on June 19-20, 2003.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held January 24, 2003.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approved by MDC on 1/24/03